

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

### Approved Minutes

DATE: April 11, 2012  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex  
PRESENT: James Holtvluwer, James Holtrop, Greg DeJong, Robert Karsten, Stu Visser

STAFF & GUESTS: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Lisa Stefanovsky, Health Officer; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Lois Havermans, Oral Health Team Supervisor; Michelle Martin, Dept. of Human Services Director; Marcia Knol, Epidemiologist; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Greg Rappleye, Corporate Counsel; Keith Van Beek, Assistant Administrator; Colton Leese, GVSU Student; Max, Concerned Ottawa County Citizen

#### SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 12-007 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2012 meeting as presented.  
Moved by: Karsten UNANIMOUS

#### SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Fluoride – Colton Leese addressed the Committee regarding health issues relating to fluoride in the water supply.

Lois Havermans reported that over the past 65 years, studies have shown fluoride in the water is safe. Fluoride is also beneficial for the senior population. The complete loss of teeth has dropped 70% in the higher income senior population. For every dollar spent on water fluoridation, \$38.00 has been saved in dental cost. Lower income residents also receive the benefits for fluoridated water. The decision to put fluoride in the water is up to the municipalities not the County.

2. “Snapshot” Overview of the recent Community Health Needs Assessment Data – Marcia Knol reported the Needs Assessment results were released to the public last week. A full presentation will be made on April 25<sup>th</sup> in the main conference room. It is federally mandated for all community hospitals to do a study. Community Mental Health, United Way, the Health Department and the three local hospitals partnered together on the assessment. Ottawa County fairs better than most in Michigan or the nation.

3. Department Updates –

Dept. of Human Services – Michelle Martin reported on the Cash Assistance Program. The State is again involved in a law suit. She also reported foster care has been extended from age 18 to 21 for those who are disabled, going to school or working 20 hours or less per week. She briefly updated the Committee on the Michigan Youth Opportunity Initiative, the Centralized CPS Intake and Bridge Cards.

Administration – Mr. VanderBerg reported Shannon Felgner began yesterday in the Administrator’s Office. She will be working there 25% of her time. Mr. Karsten requested Shannon be involved with the set-up schedule for WHTC.

Health Department – Dr. Heidel reported a new vaccine is being work on for the Norovirus. He also reported since spring has arrived, more bats are being brought in.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

HHS 12-008

Motion: To adjourn at 9:38 a.m.  
Moved by: Karsten

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